

Healthy Kingston for Kids
School and Community Garden Committee
2010-2013

Portfolio

School Gardens Support

- Generated a [Report on Barriers to Food Gardens on School Properties](#)
- Supported installment of 11 school gardens, including [meeting with school administrators, staff, volunteers](#); surveying [school garden resource needs](#); and helping to secure [outside funding for resources and supplies](#)
- Generated a [School Garden Impact Report](#)
- Worked with Kingston City School District to Adopt [School Garden language in Health and Wellness Policy](#)
- Supported transition of gardens from schools that were closing to the new respective schools

Community Gardens

- Assessed and [mapped](#) the suitability of [community gardens in City parks](#)
- Reported on the [interest of non-profit organizations](#) to install gardens on their properties
- Completed an [Assessment of Need for Food Gardens in the Kingston City School District](#), Based on Low Income Population Concentrations
- Reviewed a [food desert survey](#): a research project of HKK, Healthy Foods Task Force
- Created a [Community Garden Model Management Plan](#)
- Developed a [Community Garden Site Score Tool](#)
 - Created criteria to survey prospective community garden sites in the food deserts of Kingston
 - Established 10 criteria: Location, accessibility, soil condition, sun, fencing, visibility, lighting, slope, elevation, water
- Produced a Kingston Food [Garden Desert map](#)
- Created a [detailed map](#) of prospective community garden sites within Kingston's food deserts
- Toured prospective community garden sites in Kingston
- Identified an appropriate site in Kingston for a community garden
- Supported the installation of a [new community garden](#) (Thomas Chambers Garden) in front of a low-income housing complex
 - Identified a garden steward for the [Thomas Chambers Garden](#)
 - Created a [Garden Contract](#) and [Application](#)
 - Created a [management plan for the garden](#)
 - [Outreached to on-site community](#) members to solicit engagement
- Supported installment of 4 gardens at Kingston area non-profit organizations

Communications/Outreach

- Created a [Communication Plan](#)
- Conducted a survey of existing school and community gardens in Kingston
- Produced a [Google map of school and community gardens](#) in Kingston
- Compiled a comprehensive yearly schedule of [on-going garden grant opportunities](#)
- Hosted a [Kingston area Gardens Potluck Celebration](#), which launched into additional planning and networking
 - Acknowledged and issues certificates of participation and recognition to 34 area food gardens
- Created a garden network website www.kingstoncitygardens.org.
 - Includes: How to's, Best practices, Local resources, Networking, Case studies, Interactive Google garden map, Logo
- Created a Kingston City [Gardens Transition Plan](#) for moving forward

Policy

- [Resolution supporting community gardening](#) passed by Common Council

Environmental Change

- Branched off into an additional working group: Healthy Foods Task Force, which addressed [access to healthy foods](#) in Kingston through farm markets, corner stores, etc.
- Coordinated with partners establishing other initiatives, such as the establishment of a [Farmer's Market in Midtown Kingston](#) at the former King's Inn site, and the [introduction of produce to neighborhood corner stores](#): Rondout Market and Cedar Street Deli

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